



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
RARE DISEASE DAY
FEBRUARY 28, 2010

WHEREAS, in the United States, there are nearly 7,000 rare diseases and conditions, each affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans; and


WHEREAS, while each of these rare diseases affects a small number of people, collectively they affect nearly 30 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, many rare diseases are serious and debilitating, significantly impacting the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis and limited treatment options; and

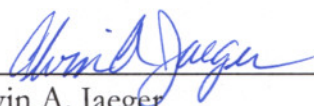
WHEREAS, the National Organization for Rare Disorders is joining with patients, medical professionals, researchers, government officials and companies developing treatments to raise awareness about rare diseases and to assist those who are affected by these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 28, 2010, **RARE DISEASE DAY** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State